



**CITY OF  
ORLANDO**  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**WELCOME!**

**GENERAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

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# WHAT IS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT?

- is the coordination to preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation to any size emergencies, disasters, planned events or catastrophic incidents.

# HOW EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WORKS?

**Preparedness** is aimed at preventing a disaster from occurring

**Mitigation** is mainly about knowing and avoiding unnecessary risks



**Response** phase of an emergency occurs and local first responder respond to assist

**Recovery** phase starts after the immediate threat to human life has subsided

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPARES FOR ALL HAZARDS



# CITY OF ORLANDO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM

- The City's Emergency Management Team is comprised of the 13 departments of City of Orlando.
- Other Disaster Response Partners include but are not limited to:
  - American Red Cross
  - Theme Parks
  - Orange County Office of Emergency Management
  - LYNX
  - Orlando/Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau
  - Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
  - UCF, and Valencia Community College
  - Many others

# OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## Mission

The Office of Emergency Management's (OEMs) mission is to save lives and protect property.

- We accomplish this through the development of programs, coordinated management, and the support of operational capabilities.



# OEM RESPONSIBILITIES

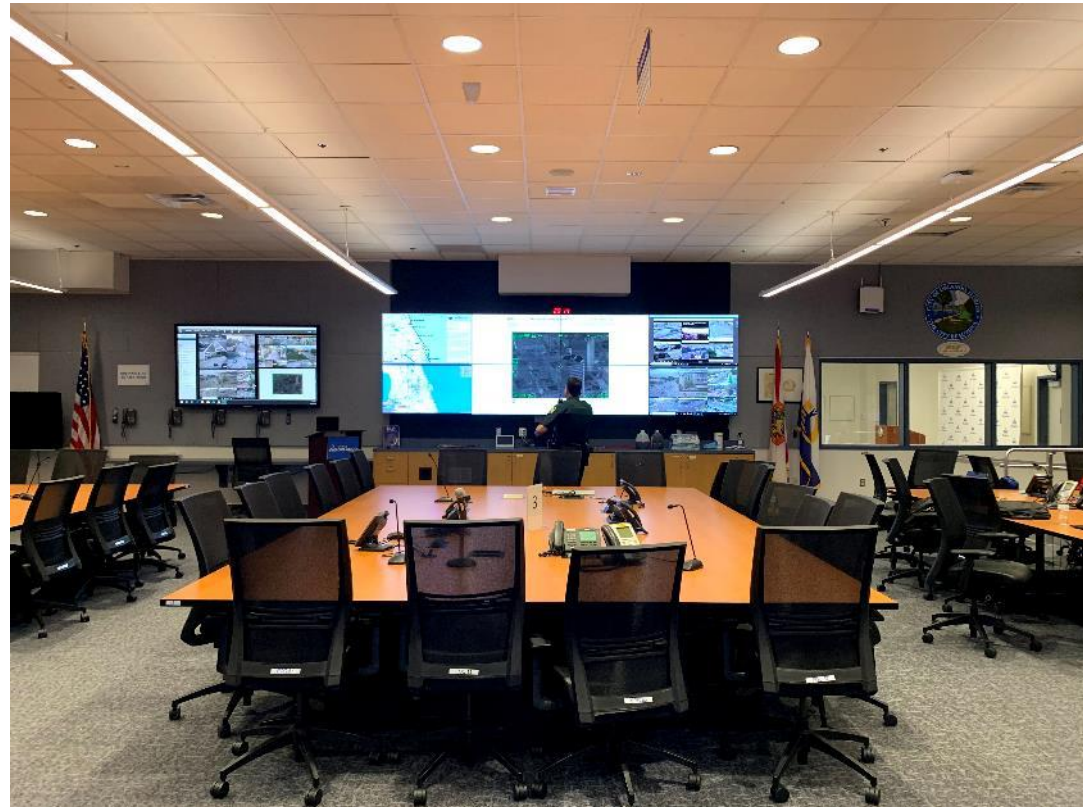
The office manages and oversees the following programs:

- Planning/Mitigation
- Communications/Warning
- Training and Exercises
- Homeland Security
- Public Outreach
- Emergency Shelters Coordination
- Grants Administration



# EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

- Orlando Operations Center
  - **Emergency Operations Center**
  - 911 Center
  - Traffic Management Center
  - Network Operations Center
- Emergency Operations Center
  - Operations Room
  - Executive Policy Group Room
  - Joint Information Center
  - Emergency Information Center
  - Media Room
- Kitchen Facility
- Gym
- Sleep Area
- Restroom and Showers





# EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER



An EOC is both flexible and scalable!

- EOC Activation Levels
  - Level III (Monitoring)
  - Level II (Partial)
  - Level I (Full)
- EOC Functions
  - Situation Assessment
  - Coordination
  - Collaboration
  - Information Gathering
  - Public Information
  - Policy Direction
  - Resource Acquisition

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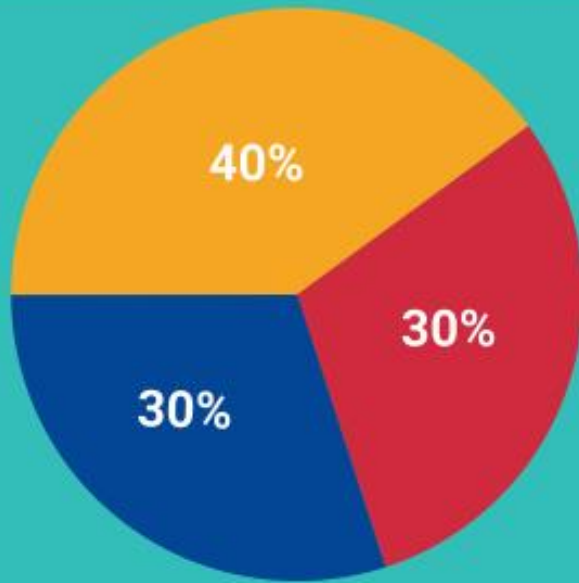


# ALTERNATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER





# 2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook



■ Above normal ■ Near normal ■ Below normal

Season probability

Named storms  
12 - 17

Hurricanes  
5 - 9

Major hurricanes  
1 - 4

Be prepared: Visit [hurricanes.gov](https://hurricanes.gov) and follow @NWS and @NHC\_Atlantic on Twitter.

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# 2023 HURRICANE SEASON UPDATE

## ■ Tropical Cyclone Names 2023

Atlantic Basin

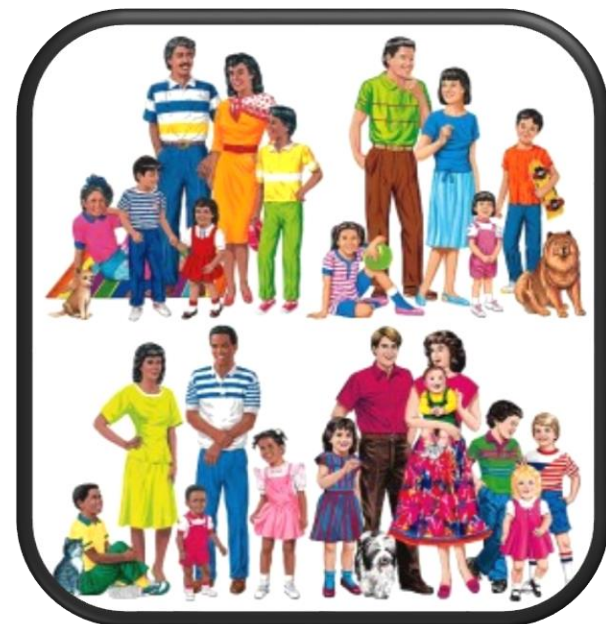
Arlene	Gert	Margot	Tammy
Bret	Harold	Nigel	Vince
Cindy	Idalia	Ophelia	Whitney
Don	Jose	Philippe	
Emily	Katia	Rina	
Franklin	Lee	Sean	

\* New names in 2023 replacing Harvey, Irma, Maria and Nate



# DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

- Preparedness begins with You!
- 3 Steps to Preparedness
  - Make a Plan
  - Build a Kit
  - Get Informed



# MAKE A PLAN

- Keep your plan simple.
- Keep copies of plan in several places (home, work, kit, etc)
- Practice your emergency plan with family members at least twice a year.
- Plan for pets/service animals.
- **Remember** – Disaster can happen anytime!

# BUILD A DISASTER KIT

- Water – 1 gallon per person per day for 3 –7 days
- Food – for at least 3 – 7 days
- First Aid Kit / Medicines/ Prescriptions
- Special Items – for babies and elderly
- Toiletries
- Flashlight / Batteries
- Battery powered Radio
- NOAA WX Radio
- Cash
- Important Documents
- Pet care Items



# GET INFORMED

- Be sure to watch local news coverage of official press conferences.
- Purchase a NOAA Weather Alert Radio.
- During a disaster (for information) visit our website at:  
**[www.cityoforlando.net/](http://www.cityoforlando.net/)**
- Or **[www.facebook.com/cityoforlando](http://www.facebook.com/cityoforlando)** and  
**[www.twitter.com/cityoforlando](http://www.twitter.com/cityoforlando)**



# GET INFORMED

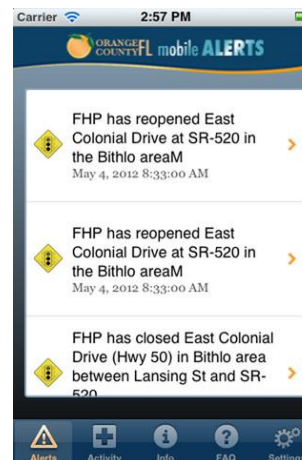
## OCAAlert.Net

Text-based emergency notification system. Citizens can register at: **<http://ocalert.net>**



## OCFL Alert Apps

We have apps for iPhones and Android available at the apps stores.



# REMINDERS

- Review plan (annually) & rotate items in kit every (6 months)
- Check all perishable items:
  - batteries,
  - food,
  - water,
  - medicines (over-counter)
- Conduct drill annually

# CONCLUSION

# Thank You!

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A large crowd of people is gathered in a city square at night. In the background, several tall buildings are illuminated, including one with a rainbow-colored facade. The hashtag #ORLANDO UNITED is overlaid on the image in large, bold, white and rainbow-colored letters.

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